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West Virginia Turkeys Raised

West Virginia -- Turkeys raised in West Virginia during 2002 totaled 3.6 million birds, down 12 percent from 2001. Growers' intentions for 2003 are to raise the same number of birds.

United States -- Turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 totaled 272 million birds, up fractionally from the 272 million raised in 2001.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 45.5 million, followed by Minnesota with 44.0 million, Arkansas with 29.5 million, Missouri with 25.5 million, Virginia with 20.0 million, California with 17.7 million, and Indiana with 13.0 million. These States accounted for 72 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002.

Turkey Growers Plan 2 Percent Decrease in 2003

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2003. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2002. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2002 are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 3 percent, Arkansas and Missouri down 2 percent, Virginia down 5 percent, California down 10 percent, and Indiana unchanged.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2003 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

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